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Chart 1.—Annual number of days' care provided to free and to pay and part-pay patients in general hospitals, 1929-34, as reported by 11 public agencies in 9 urban areas and by 81 private agencies in 19 urban areas

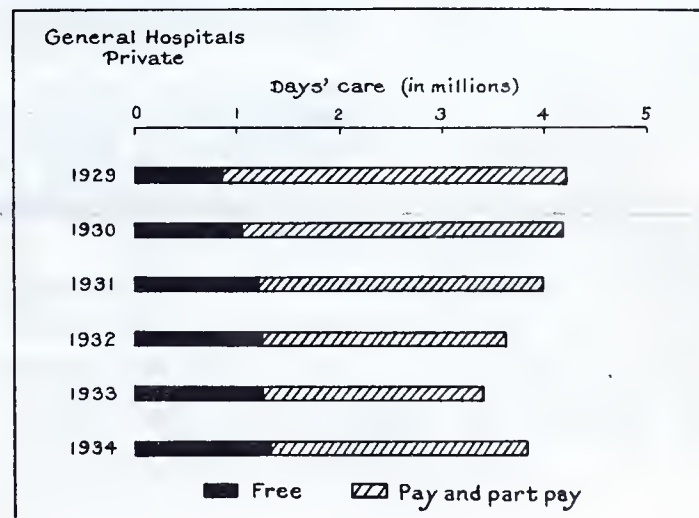
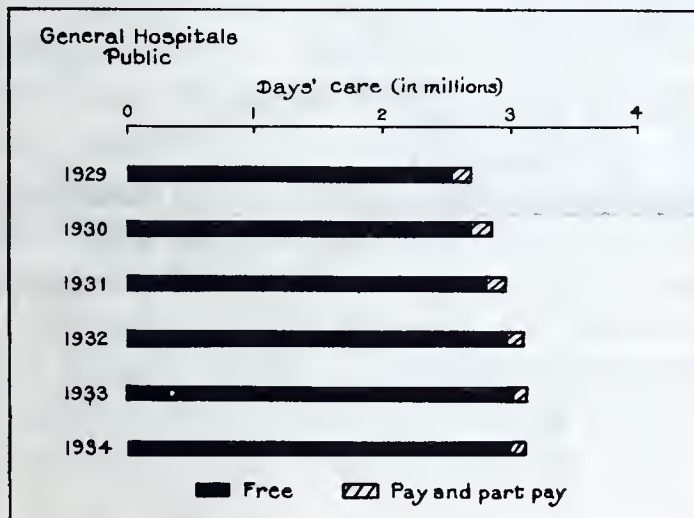
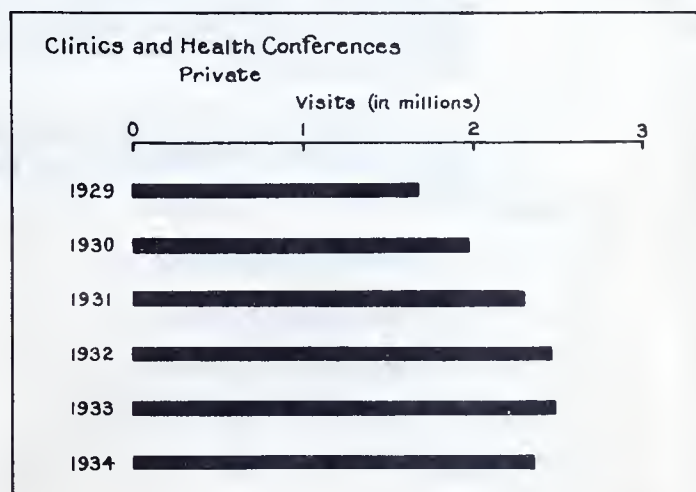
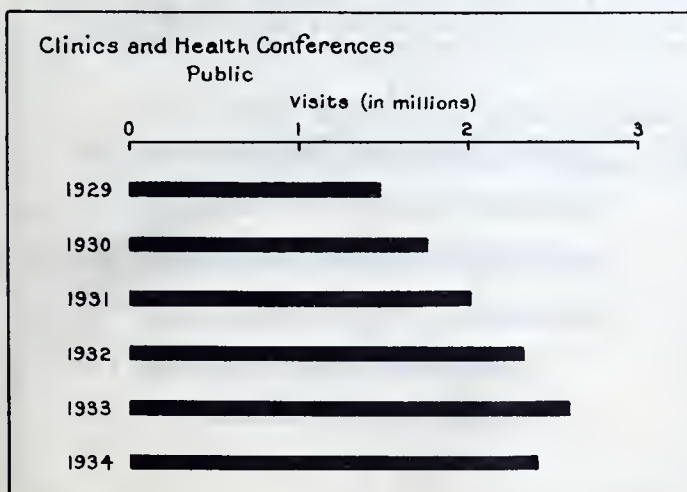


Chart 2.—Annual number of visits by patients to clinics and health conferences, 1929-34, as reported by 38 public agencies in 15 urban areas and by 119 private agencies in 17 urban areas



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The summaries presented in this bulletin are based on reports of public and private agencies in a representative group of urban areas of 50,000 or more population. Reports on public unemployment relief are secured from the Federal Emergency Relief Administration. Those on other forms of relief and on child welfare and health services are forwarded in most areas through the local council of social agencies or the community fund.

Summaries of changes in different types of public and private relief in these areas are published monthly in advance of their quarterly presentation. Copies of the monthly summaries may be obtained on request.

ANNUAL TRENDS IN HOSPITAL, CLINIC, AND PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE, 1929-34

The number of days' care provided to patients in public general hospitals in the registration areas was slightly less (0.7 percent) in 1934 than in 1933 (chart 1). The reduction was due to a decrease in care to free patients. Days' care to pay and part-pay patients increased 18 percent. From 1929 through 1933, total days' care and days' care to free patients rose steadily. Days' care to pay and part-pay patients increased between 1929 and 1930 but decreased in the years through 1933. The changes between 1929 and 1934 were as follows: Total days' care, an increase of 15 percent; days' care to free patients, an increase of 18 percent; days' care to pay and part-pay patients, a decrease of 13 percent.

In private general hospitals the trend has been somewhat different. Between 1933 and 1934, days' care to pay and part-pay patients increased 16 percent; days' care to free patients, 6 percent; and total days' care, 13 percent. Between 1929 and 1933 the number of days' care to pay and part-pay patients dropped much more rapidly than the rise in days' care to free patients, with the result that total days' care decreased steadily. As compared with 1929 the changes in 1934 were as follows: Total days' care, a decrease of 9 percent; days' care to free patients,

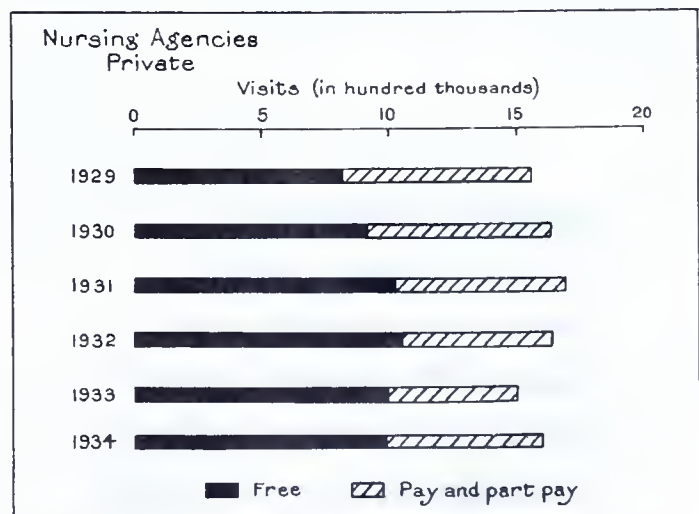
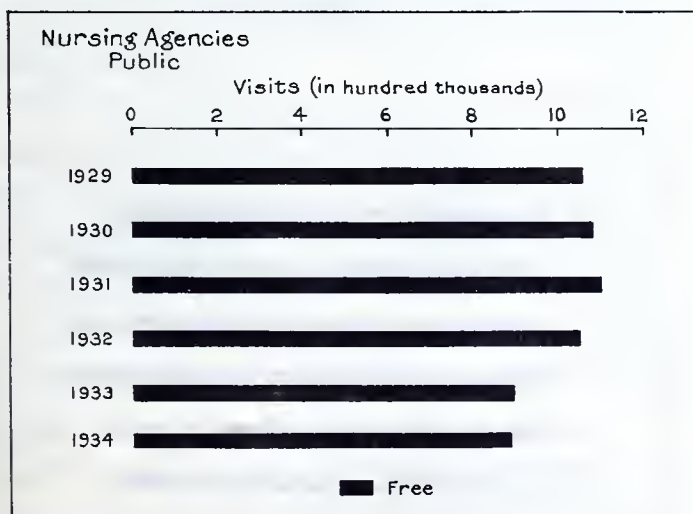
an increase of 55 percent; days' care to pay and part-pay patients, a decrease of 25 percent.

Visits by patients to clinics and health conferences were about 7 percent fewer in 1934 than in 1933. The percentage change was about the same in those conducted by public agencies and by private agencies (chart 2). In preceding years the number of visits increased rapidly, especially in public agencies. The rise between 1929 and 1934 totaled 63 percent in public agencies and 36 percent in private agencies.

The number of visits by public-health nurses on the staffs of public agencies was about the same in 1934 as in 1933 (chart 3). Between 1929 and 1931 the number increased slightly. The small decrease between 1931 and 1932 and the larger decrease between 1932 and 1933 reduced the number of visits reported in both 1933 and 1934 to 15 percent less than in 1929.

In private agencies the number of visits increased 7 percent between 1933 and 1934. The rise was in pay and part-pay visits; the number of free visits decreased slightly. The total number of visits in 1934 was less than in 1930, 1931, and 1932, but 3 percent more than in 1929.

Chart 3.--Annual number of visits by public health nurses, 1929-34, as reported by 18 public agencies in 13 urban areas and by 25 private agencies in 22 urban areas



ANNUAL TRENDS IN CARE IN CHILDREN'S INSTITUTIONS, FOSTER HOMES, DAY NURSERIES, AND MATERNITY HOMES, 1929-34

The average number of children in institutions on the last day of the month continued in 1934 the downward trend noticeable in both 1932 and 1933. The decrease between 1933 and 1934 was 5 percent as compared with 6 percent between 1932 and 1933 and 2 percent between 1931 and 1932. As compared with 1929 there was a decrease of 12 percent in 1934.

The trend in foster-home care remained upward, but the rise of 2 percent between 1933 and 1934 was less than in preceding years. The total increase between 1929 and 1934 was about 33 percent.

Day-nursery care showed an upward trend in 1934 for the first time during the years since 1929. Between 1933 and 1934 there was an increase of 4 percent in the average number of children on the register of day nurseries on the last day of the month. This number in 1934, however, was slightly less than in 1932 and 24 percent less than in 1929.

The average number of women in maternity homes on the last day of the month in 1934 was about 3 percent less than in 1933 and in 1929, and about 11 percent less than in 1930, 1931, and 1932.

Chart 4.--Average number of children in children's institutions on the last day of the month, 1929-34, as reported by 186 agencies in 18 urban areas

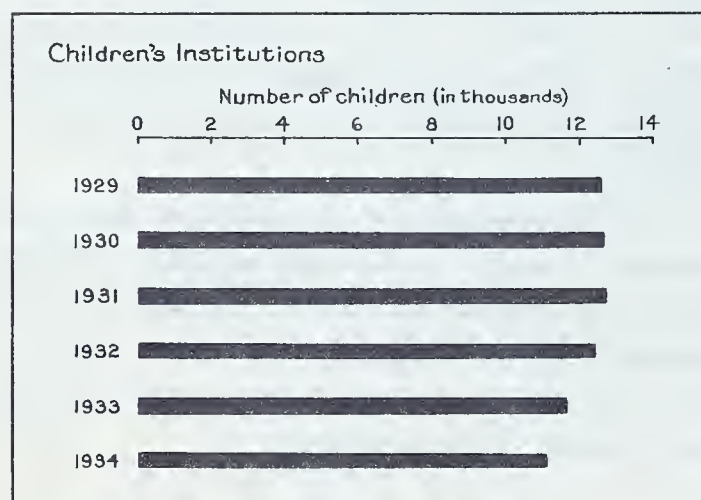


Chart 6.--Average number of children on day-nursery registers on the last day of the month, 1929-34, as reported by 110 agencies in 23 urban areas

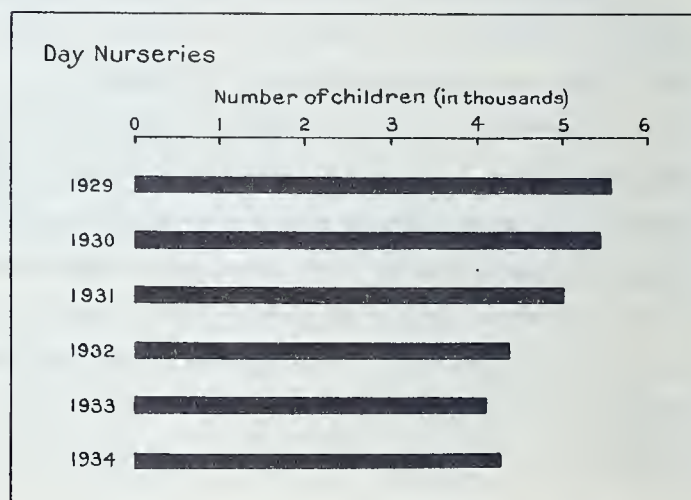


Chart 5.--Average number of children in foster homes on the last day of the month, 1929-34, as reported by 53 agencies in 16 urban areas

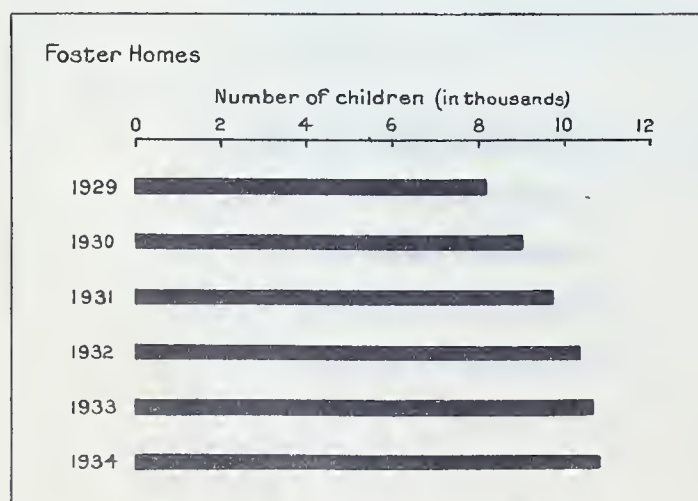
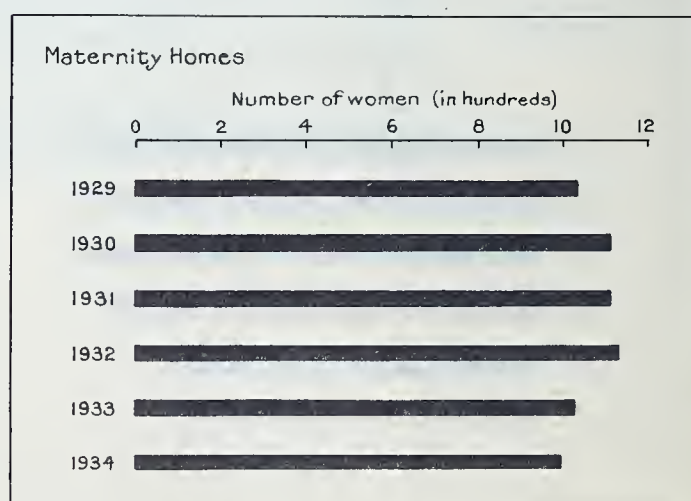


Chart 7.--Average number of women in maternity homes on the last day of the month, 1929-34, as reported by 48 agencies in 22 urban areas

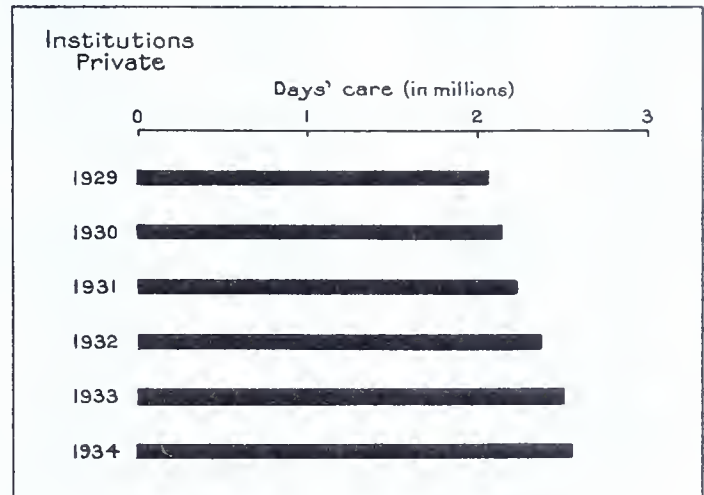
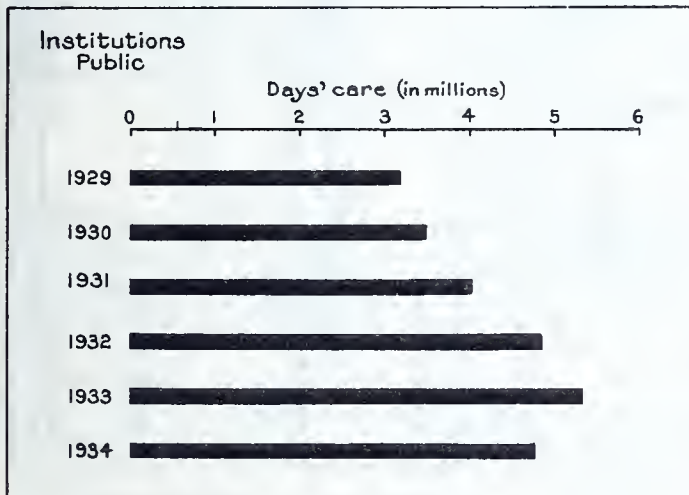


ANNUAL TRENDS IN INSTITUTIONAL CARE OF THE AGED, INDIGENT, AND CHRONICALLY ILL, 1929-34

A decrease of 11 percent was reported between 1933 and 1934 in the number of days' care provided to persons in public institutions for the aged, indigent, and chronically ill. In preceding years the

trend was upward. Between 1929 and 1934 the increase totaled 49 percent. In private institutions the number of days' care provided in 1934 was 2 percent more than in 1933 and 24 percent more than in 1929.

Chart 8.--Annual number of days' care provided to persons in institutions for the aged, indigent, and chronically ill, 1929-34, as reported by 12 public agencies in 11 urban areas and by 106 private agencies in 15 urban areas



EXPENDITURES FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF RELIEF AND NUMBER OF CASES AIDED, DECEMBER 1934-FEBRUARY 1935 AND DECEMBER 1933-FEBRUARY 1934

Expenditures for public and private relief in the reporting areas totaled 8.4 percent less in February than in January. As compared with December 1934, there was an increase of 1.5 percent (table 1). This year's decrease in February was the first reported in the last 6 years. February expenditures have shown previously a strong tendency toward seasonal increase (chart 9).

With the exception of old-age relief and aid for the blind, expenditures for the various types of public and private relief decreased between January and February (table 2). All types of private relief, mother's aid, and direct and work relief not included in reports to the Federal Emergency Relief Administration also decreased in February as compared with December 1934.

As the reports to the Federal Emergency Relief Administration do not include expenditures for the

Civil Works program in December 1933, January 1934, and February 1934, the amounts expended and the number of cases aided during these months are not comparable with those reported in December 1934, January 1935, and February 1935.

Veterans' relief administered by private agencies increased in December 1934, January 1935, and February 1935 as compared with the corresponding months in the preceding years. Other forms of private relief, however, decreased markedly. Totals for old-age relief and aid for the blind have become much larger in recent months as the result of new or enlarged programs in several States.

Detail on the number of cases aided through different types of relief is shown in table 3. The amounts expended in specified urban areas and the percentage from public and from private funds are shown in table 4.

Chart 9.--Relief expenditures in 120 urban areas, January 1929-February 1935

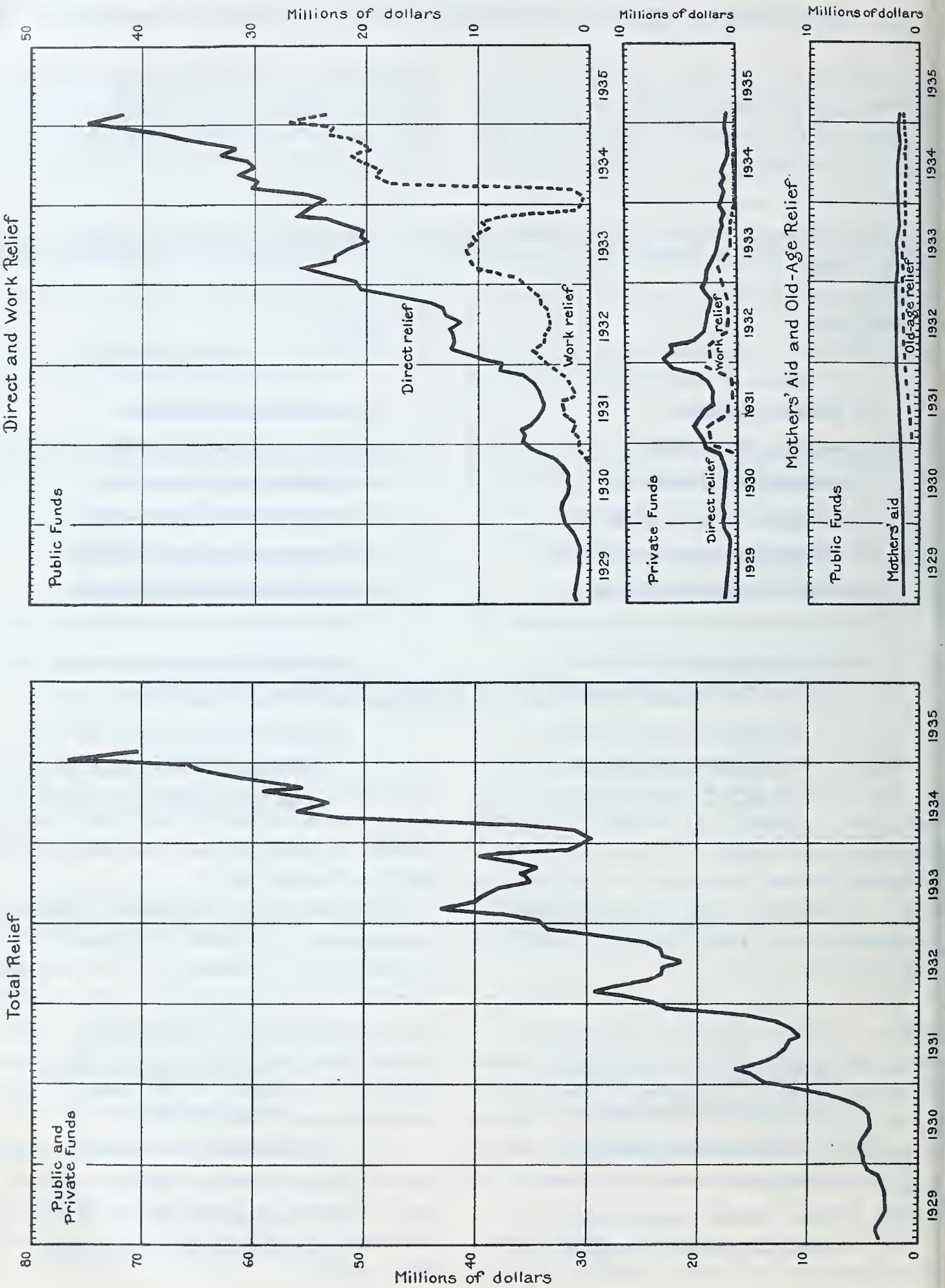


Table 1.--Amount expended for relief from public and from private funds, December 1934-February 1935 and December 1933-February 1934, as reported by 805 agencies in 118 urban areas

Source of funds	December 1934-February 1935	December 1934	January 1935	February 1935	December 1933-February 1934 ^a
Amount expended					
Total.....	\$235,244,986	\$75,356,106	\$83,434,590	\$76,454,290	\$94,389,117
Public funds.....	231,753,436	74,093,180	82,273,329	75,386,927	89,971,336
Reported to FERA.....	217,835,664	69,538,826	77,614,168	70,682,670	77,713,427
Other direct and work relief....	1,894,598	648,176	624,831	621,591	1,994,512
Special allowances.....	12,023,174	3,906,178	4,034,330	4,082,666	10,263,397
Private funds.....	3,491,550	1,262,926	1,161,261	1,067,363	4,417,781
Percent distribution					
Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Public funds.....	98.5	98.3	98.6	98.6	95.3
Reported to FERA.....	92.6	92.3	93.0	92.5	82.3
Other direct and work relief....	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.8	2.1
Special allowances.....	5.1	5.2	4.8	5.3	10.9
Private funds.....	1.5	1.7	1.4	1.4	4.7

^aExcludes expenditures for Civil Works Program.

Table 2.--Amount expended for relief by public and by private agencies, December 1934-February 1935, and percent change from December 1933-February 1934, as reported by 805 agencies in 118 urban areas

Administrative agency and type of relief	Agencies reporting	Amount expended				Percent change from Dec. 1933-Feb. 1934 to Dec. 1934-Feb. 1935
		December 1934-February 1935	December 1934	January 1935	February 1935	
Total.....	805	\$235,244,986	\$75,356,106	\$83,434,590	\$76,454,290	(a)
Public agencies.....	379	231,689,556	74,072,208	82,251,176	75,366,172	(a)
Reported to FERA: Total ^b	117	217,835,664	69,538,826	77,614,168	70,682,670	(a)
Direct relief.....	117	132,500,422	42,948,454	46,338,527	43,213,441	(a)
Work-program earnings.....	117	85,335,242	26,590,372	31,275,641	27,469,229	(a)
Other direct and work relief ^b	36	1,830,718	627,204	602,678	600,836	+2.1
Special allowances:						
Mothers' aid.....	105	6,155,709	2,056,077	2,063,668	2,035,964	+3.7
Old-age relief.....	57	5,084,348	1,598,925	1,713,248	1,772,175	+36.7
Aid for the blind.....	64	783,117	251,176	257,414	274,527	+29.6
Private agencies.....	426	3,555,430	1,283,898	1,183,414	1,088,118	-23.0
Direct relief:						
General relief by--						
Nonsectarian agencies.....	107	1,825,055	636,724	618,493	569,838	-13.2
Jewish agencies.....	66	598,656	198,696	204,384	195,576	-17.1
Catholic agencies.....	49	381,148	135,084	126,168	119,896	-21.4
Salvation Army.....	63	216,234	111,673	56,141	48,420	-23.7
Other private agencies....	65	237,297	86,876	82,902	67,519	-53.5
Veterans' relief.....	65	127,824	48,454	40,362	39,008	+18.0
Work relief.....	11	169,216	66,391	54,964	47,861	-58.4

^aNot comparable because expenditures for Civil Works Program are excluded.

^bIncludes veterans' relief in certain areas.

Table 3.--Monthly number of cases aided by public and by private agencies through different types of relief and average monthly relief per case, December 1934-February 1935 and December 1933-February 1934, as reported by 737 agencies in 118 urban areas

Administrative agency and type of relief	Agencies reporting	December 1934-February 1935	December 1934	January 1935	February 1935	Percent change from Dec. 1933-Feb. 1934 to Dec. 1934-Feb. 1935
Monthly number of cases aided						
Public agencies:						
Reported to FERA:						
Unduplicated totals.....	117	2,167,783	2,126,000	2,191,676	2,185,673	(b)
Direct relief.....	117	1,712,173	1,677,573	1,737,378	1,721,570	(b)
Work-program earnings.....	117	739,066	713,510	747,699	755,989	(b)
Other direct and work relief ^a ..	24	19,845	19,166	19,984	20,386	-4.4
Special allowances:						
Mothers' aid.....	103	52,320	51,796	52,361	52,803	+3.7
Old-age relief.....	57	81,169	75,950	81,863	85,695	+49.4
Aid for the blind.....	63	10,503	10,335	10,395	10,780	+24.4
Private agencies:						
Direct and work relief:						
General relief by--						
Nonsectarian agencies.....	91	25,475	26,218	25,822	24,386	-17.7
Jewish agencies.....	63	6,530	6,515	6,649	6,427	-10.7
Catholic agencies.....	46	10,323	11,337	9,774	9,859	-21.9
Salvation Army.....	59	11,509	23,651	5,613	5,264	-20.4
Other private agencies.....	55	6,668	7,310	6,771	5,925	-33.4
Veterans' relief.....	59	4,726	5,055	4,830	4,293	+2.0
Average monthly relief per case						
						December 1933-February 1934
Public agencies:						
Reported to FERA: Unduplicated total of direct relief and work-program earnings ^a	117	\$33.50	\$32.71	\$35.41	\$32.34	(c)
Other direct and work relief ^a ..	24	16.60	17.62	15.89	16.33	\$19.07
Special allowances:						
Mothers' aid.....	103	39.10	39.57	39.29	38.44	39.10
Old-age relief.....	57	20.88	21.05	20.93	20.68	22.83
Aid for the blind.....	63	24.65	24.10	24.56	25.27	23.85
Private agencies:						
Direct and work relief:						
General relief by--						
Nonsectarian agencies.....	91	22.29	22.49	22.24	22.12	20.44
Jewish agencies.....	63	28.58	28.61	29.09	28.02	28.30
Catholic agencies.....	46	13.77	13.22	14.62	13.56	12.90
Salvation Army.....	59	6.10	4.60	9.68	8.99	6.37
Other private agencies.....	55	10.59	9.98	11.20	10.64	9.89
Veterans' relief.....	59	8.28	8.78	7.64	8.43	6.70

^aIncludes veterans' relief in certain areas.

^bNot comparable because cases aided only through employment on the Civil Works Program are excluded.

^cNot comparable because expenditures for Civil Works program and cases aided only through such employment are excluded.

Table 4.--Amount expended for relief in specified urban areas, December 1934-February 1935 and December 1933-February 1934, and percentage from public and from private funds, December 1934-February 1935

State and city	Territory included	Agencies reporting	Amount expended				Percent, Dec. 1934-Feb. 1935, from--				Amount expended, December 1933-February 1934b
			December 1934-February 1935	December 1934	January 1935	February 1935	Public funds			Pri- vate funds	
							Reported to FERA	Other direct and work relief	Special allowance		
Alabama: Birmingham..... Mobile.....	County. County.	2 1	\$1,310,451 269,092	\$401,791 80,393	\$496,468 106,085	\$412,192 82,614	100 100	..... .....	..... .....	(c)	\$421,330 101,641
California: Los Angeles..... Oakland..... Sacramento..... San Diego..... San Francisco....	County. County. County. County. County. County.	18 8 10 9 18	13,067,856 2,491,804 666,087 1,791,524 3,332,467	3,510,749 712,341 186,875 489,763 1,016,213	4,872,197 937,514 251,410 679,467 1,232,168	4,684,910 841,949 227,802 622,294 1,084,086	81 83 82 90 85	12 5 4 5 6	7 12 12 5 7	1 (c) 1 (c) 2	4,057,382 582,503 105,627 191,547 1,165,139
Colorado: Denver..	County.	6	1,530,237	482,678	544,414	503,145	97	.....	2	(c)	467,126
Connecticut: Bridgeport..... Hartford..... New Britain..... New Haven.....	City... City... City... City...	8 9 6 14	772,344 817,783 296,940 568,454	249,896 272,300 93,620 182,350	283,634 271,330 110,666 200,807	238,814 274,153 92,654 185,297	97 87 95 88	..... 1 1 1	2 3 3 5	1 9 (c) 6	195,370 319,605 461,403 239,762
Delaware: Wilmington.....	County.	5	402,662	129,122	122,623	150,917	89	.....	7	4	525,218
District of Columbia: Washington..	City...	11	2,007,748	625,084	725,779	656,885	96	(c)	2	2	704,225
Florida: Jacksonville.....	County.	3	455,685	169,724	175,501	110,460	96	.....	4	(c)	73,860
Georgia: Atlanta..	County.	5	1,487,419	483,074	524,055	480,290	99	(c)	.....	1	851,981
Illinois: Chicago..... Springfield.....	County. County.	18 3	19,565,616 323,277	6,376,090 107,274	6,804,314 111,899	6,385,212 104,104	97 99	..... .....	2 1	2 (c)	10,541,318 63,863
Indiana: Evansville..... Fort Wayne..... Indianapolis..... Terre Haute.....	County. County. County. County.	4 10 8 4	586,882 576,125 1,843,966 360,288	203,849 200,505 608,401 114,700	184,765 200,464 635,875 133,287	198,268 175,156 599,690 112,301	93 94 98 98	..... ..... ..... .....	6 4 (c) 1	(c) 3 2 1	168,067 155,426 414,142 41,268
Iowa: Des Moines..... Sioux City.....	County. County.	9 7	721,610 265,232	252,518 78,607	237,345 94,973	231,747 91,652	95 92	2 2	3 5	1 1	165,662 85,055
Kansas: Kansas City..... Topeka.....	County. County.	3 6	601,594 321,468	154,209 100,674	240,571 113,547	206,814 107,247	100 96	(c) 1 3	37,162 49,849

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State and city	Territory included	Agencies reporting	Amount expended				Percent, Dec. 1934-Feb. 1935, from--				Amount expended, December 1933-February 1934b
			December 1934-February 1935	December 1934	January 1935	February 1935	Public funds			Pri- vate funds	
							Reported to FERA	Other direct and relief	Special allowances		
Kentucky: Louisville.....	City...	7	\$415,260	\$141,755	\$150,181	\$123,324	80	.....	4	16	\$179,914
Louisiana: New Orleans.....	Parish.	6	2,318,937	748,966	784,665	785,306	99	.....	(c)	1	196,020
Shreveport.....	Parish.	4	75,978	25,367	25,362	25,249	97	.....	e3	(c)	41,002
Maine: Portland...	City...	6	225,694	70,635	79,242	75,817	94	.....	2	4	4101,169
Maryland: Baltimore.....	City...	7	3,235,246	1,028,248	1,149,108	1,057,890	97	.....	2	1	2,738,528
Massachusetts: Boston.....	City...	16	6,574,308	2,028,111	2,373,996	2,172,201	87	.....	9	3	3,711,970
Brockton.....	City...	9	390,141	128,966	130,617	130,558	91	.....	5	3	4126,734
Cambridge.....	City...	7	532,041	176,782	191,587	163,672	87	.....	10	3	4192,866
Fall River.....	City...	6	632,426	200,893	226,265	205,268	91	.....	9	(c)	151,616
Lawrence.....	City...	7	398,214	141,226	141,372	115,616	89	.....	9	1	494,818
Lowell.....	City...	5	637,236	208,122	222,464	206,650	89	.....	10	1	4223,547
Lynn.....	City...	9	622,102	199,784	210,426	211,892	85	.....	13	1	4274,439
Malden.....	City...	5	281,249	79,316	103,790	98,143	95	.....	5	(c)	4110,064
New Bedford.....	City...	7	518,658	169,353	167,189	182,116	86	.....	13	1	141,441
Newton.....	City...	8	194,547	64,541	65,729	64,277	86	.....	10	4	469,274
Springfield.....	City...	7	1,016,108	327,302	352,111	336,695	94	.....	5	1	350,000
Worcester.....	City...	8	1,096,032	334,810	413,002	348,220	90	.....	8	2	401,394
Michigan: Detroit.....	County.	14	7,491,210	2,855,475	2,537,367	2,098,368	93	1	5	(c)	3,538,541
Flint.....	City...	8	622,165	207,097	229,998	185,070	98	.....	1	1	4328,675
Grand Rapids.....	County.	7	1,228,972	413,275	433,037	382,660	97	.....	3	(c)	513,287
Pontiac.....	City...	3	320,294	125,491	108,058	86,745	99	.....	1	(c)	4165,359
Saginaw.....	City...	4	307,618	97,634	119,769	90,215	90	.....	10	(c)	4144,216
Minnesota: Duluth.....	County.	8	1,244,177	406,316	430,810	407,051	95	.....	4	(c)	230,607
Minneapolis.....	City...	8	2,440,610	843,099	890,303	707,208	89	.....	6	5	1,126,371
St. Paul.....	County.	11	2,293,835	763,894	832,062	697,879	96	.....	3	1	645,100
Missouri: Kansas City.....	County.	8	1,323,659	425,572	498,593	399,494	91	.....	3	5	454,238
St. Louis.....	County.	12	4,532,199	1,501,147	1,589,364	1,441,688	95	.....	2	3	1,640,851
Nebraska: Omaha...	County.	9	1,190,015	387,794	420,847	381,374	95	(c)	1	4	456,991
New Jersey: Jersey City.....	City...	5	1,246,335	436,292	412,320	397,723	95	.....	5	(c)	4814,979
Newark.....	City...	12	2,895,863	1,035,146	929,502	931,215	92	7	1	1,600,393
Trenton.....	City...	7	594,440	206,178	199,379	188,883	93	7	(c)	4241,188

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			December 1934-February 1935	December 1934	January 1935	February 1935	Public funds				
							Reported to FERA	Other direct and work relief	Special allowance	Private funds	
Utah:											
Salt Lake City...	County.	6	\$921,195	\$276,103	\$331,332	\$313,860	95	.....	2	3	\$365,590
Virginia:											
Norfolk.....	City...	5	219,058	72,402	75,005	71,651	98	1	(c)	1	62,607
Richmond.....	City...	4	283,320	89,658	95,201	98,461	91	.....	1	8	73,472
Washington:											
Seattle.....	County.	7	1,472,338	517,038	520,304	434,996	76	20	2	1	753,175
Tacoma.....	County.	3	519,933	171,385	187,918	160,630	91	.....	9	.....	233,970
Wisconsin:											
Kenosha.....	County.	7	620,735	216,115	220,811	183,809	96	(c)	4	{c}	226,883
Madison.....	County.	4	469,367	153,519	159,190	156,658	95	.....	4	{c}	129,507
Milwaukee.....	County.	9	4,854,475	1,434,704	1,613,709	1,806,062	91	.....	6	3	1,270,288
Racine.....	County.	6	537,604	184,979	181,764	170,861	95	.....	5	1	282,472
Median.....			.....	.....	.....	.....	95	1	4	1	.....

^aReports of agencies combined in the Federal Emergency Relief Administration report for the area are counted as from one agency.

^bExcludes expenditures for Civil Works Program.

^cLess than 1 percent.

^dReports for public unemployment relief to the U. S. Children's Bureau were included for certain months because reports to the Federal Emergency Relief Administration were for a larger or a smaller area.

^eRelates to city only.

^fRelates to less than county.